EXHIBIT C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

KAREN KELLY,)
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Plaintiff,)
) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:
v.) 2:23-CV-00183-SGC
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SHERIFF NICK SMITH, ET AL.,)
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Defendants.)
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Plaintiff's First Discovery Request to Defendant Sheriff Nick Smith

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff propounds these interrogatories and request for production of documents to Defendant and its officers, attorneys, agents, contractors, and employees, having any information or documents which are available to Defendant. These interrogatories and document requests are to be answered separately and severally by Defendant in the manner and form provided by law and rules of this Court.

Where facts set forth in answers, or portions thereof, are supplied upon information and belief, rather than upon personal knowledge, defendant should so state and specifically identify and describe the source or sources of such information and belief. Should defendant be unable to answer any interrogatory or admission or portion thereof by actual knowledge, or upon information and belief, it shall state in detail its efforts to obtain such knowledge as will enable it to answer said interrogatory or admission or portion thereof.

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- 11. State each and every one of Defendants' articulated reasons for terminating Plaintiff's employment and each and every fact supporting each of these reasons, including identifying each and every rule, policy, or standard that Defendant claims Plaintiff violated and state how Plaintiff violated that rule, policy, or standard.
- 12. Identify each manager or supervisor who supervised Plaintiff during her employment who had contact with Plaintiff or dealt with issues regarding Plaintiff during her employment by stating that person's name, job title, dates of employment, employment history, and the issues involved.
- 13. Identify by stating the individual's name, dates of employment, job title, job location, and contact information including address, telephone number, and email address for each and every employee from 01/01/2019 to the present who violated any rule, policy, or standard that Defendant claims Plaintiff violated or who had any other issue that Defendant contends contributed to Plaintiff's discipline or termination, and for each person so identified, state what this individual did or failed to do that violated the policy, rule, or standard in question, and what discipline, if any, the individual received.
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- 15. Identify any written or oral statements, audio or video recordings, or online postings that are relevant to Plaintiff's claims or Defendant's defenses in this case, and for each such statement, recording, or posting, state the author of the statement or posting or the subject of the recording, state the substance of the statement, posting, or recording, and state whether the statement, posting, or recording (or a copy thereof) is in Defendant's possession, and if not, identify the custodian of the statement, posting, or recording.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

- 1. Provide a copy of all documents you reviewed or referenced in responding to the above interrogatories.
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- 3. Provide all documents and files relevant to your employment as a law enforcement officer with any agency whether designated as a "personnel file" or other designation, including your complete personnel documents, all internal affairs documents and files, all investigatory documents and files, all documents relating to any complaints, all documents relating to any discipline or proposed discipline, and all other documents and files relevant to your employment, conduct, or performance.
- 4. Produce all documents relating to your education, your law enforcement training including but not limited to DACOTA training and use of force training, and your professional experience, including copies of all diplomas or certificates you have received and copies of all transcripts from educational institutions or professional training.

- 5. Provide all documents relevant to each and every reason(s) for terminating Plaintiff's employment.
- 6. Provide copies of all statements, video or audio recordings, or online postings in Defendants' possession or in possession of any current employee of Defendant that are relevant to Plaintiff's claims or defendants' defenses in this case.
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- 8. Provide copies of all department policies, procedures, handbooks, or other internal documents (whether or not published to employees such as Plaintiff) that are relevant to the issues surrounding Plaintiff's termination, as well as retaliation, progressive discipline, Defendant's policies and standards, goals or expectations for employees in Plaintiff's position, and termination of employees.
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- employment with Defendant, including but not limited to, communications relating to Plaintiff's job assignments or any alleged disciplinary or performance issues regarding Plaintiff.
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- 11. Produce copies of all notes, diaries, logs, journals, letters, email, text messages, calendars, Facebook postings, tweets, or other social media posts or messages that related or refer to the facts in Plaintiff's Complaint, and any facts or defenses raised in the Answer filed by Defendant.
- 12. If any administrative action, grievance, or complaint has ever been filed against you, please provide all documents relative to each administrative action, grievance, or complaint, including but not limited to documents showing the names of all involved parties; the nature of each action, grievance, or complaint; the agency or body with whom the action, grievance, or complaint was filed, and the dates (time frames if dates unknown) on which it was filed.
- 13. Provide a copy of all statements, whether written, typed (including provided in email), or verbal provided to the media by you concerning Karen Kelly, Tony Mitchell, Plaintiff's lawsuit, and any investigation into Karen Kelly or a video or videos of Tony Mitchell circulating on social media from January 2023 to the present, along with all previous draft versions of the statement.
- 14. Provide a copy of all social media postings on any social media site posted by any employee of the WCSO, including but not limited to Sheriff Nick Smith, TJ Armstrong, Carl Carpenter, Justin White, Trina Phillips, and Arcelia Jottie Tidwell, concerning Karen Kelly, Tony Mitchell, Plaintiff's lawsuit, and any investigation into Karen Kelly or Tony Mitchell from January 2023 to the present.
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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ L. William Smith
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document has been properly served via email to the following counsel of record:

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on this 19th day of May, 2023.

/s/ L. William Smith
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KAREN KELLY,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
v.)	2:23-CV-00183-SGC
SHERIFF NICK SMITH, ET AL.,)	
Defendants.)	
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Plaintiff's First Discovery Request to Defendant Armstrong

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- c. name and address of each person to whom it was addressed and each person to whom a copy was identified as being directed;
- d. name and address of each person who received a copy of the document:
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When used with reference to an oral communication, "identify" includes:

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 - e. substance of the oral communication.
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- L. As used herein, the term "employee" includes temporary employees hired through a temporary agency.

If you contend a protective order is necessary, please send it over immediately to prevent any delay on production.

To the extent possible, please produce documents on disc in searchable .pdf form.

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